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This family of Hungarian Refugees enjoying their first meal in the free Western world points up our challenge to minister the bread of life to needy humanity.

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Personal Mention

Pastor and Mrs. M. L. DOOLIN (Sylvia Bolin) of the First Assembly of God, Olney, Illinois, writes: "We're having an old-time Pentecostal meeting with Evangelist W. F. KIRKPATRICK. He has been with us 9 nights and 9 have been saved, and 1 filled with the Holy Spirit. Several have been refilled and healed. We have all received wonderful blessings. Four of the new converts were men." A further note from Brother Kirkpatrick concerning the revival comments: "You never saw people pray like they do here; that's the reason for the good revival."

Chaplain DUDLEY BOYD writes of a very profitable spiritual retreat for Assembly of God personnel. The retreat was held in a center near Munich. "There were 164 present from all over Europe, 95 of the number were servicemen. From Switzerland we had Brothers Rene Robert and Herman Parli as morning and afternoon speakers. Brother Kolenda was our main evening speaker." Chaplain Boyd commented that there was a possibility of his returning to the U.S. within a month or two.

DAVID SCHMIDT of Valdez, Alaska, writes: "Just a note of rejoicing. After what seemed a real dry spell here as far as our church was concerned, we were about to go under in discouragement. But last night the Lord gave us a real refreshing. I know of 3 receiving the Baptism and maybe 4. Pray that God will continue to move by His Spirit and send a great revival."

With the Lord

Rev. Carl Barnes, scheduled Bethany Park Camp Meeting speaker for our 1957 season, suddenly received God's call to higher service on Sunday evening, March 31. Intermment was at Lakeland, Florida. Brother Barnes will be guest in our District in weeks to come and we pray that God will abundantly bestow comfort and solace upon her.

District oldtimer, Sister Nell G. Price, wife of R. O. Price of Monte Vista Christian School, went to be with her Lord during her sleep through the night of April 14. The funeral service was Thursday, April 18 in White's Mortuary of Watsonville, with Pastor Don Weston of Modesto the officiating minister. Our sympathetic understanding and prayers are extended to Brother Price and the entire Monte Vista family in this hour of bereavement.

Camp Meetings --

BETHANY PARK

June 28 - July 14
Robert Ashcroft
James E. Hammil

MT. LASSEN

July 2 - 14
K. M. Haystead
Star Thomas

REDWOOD

July 22 - Aug. 1
Paul Trulin

A newsletter from the MORRIS NYLANDERS of Haleiwa, Hawaii, tells of their vision to erect a suitable building for their work. They have signed up with the Church Extension Plan and currently are selling subscriptions. Anyone with money to invest may contact the Nylanders at P.O. Box 117, Halweiiwa, Oahu, T. H. Loans are repaid with interest.

The JAMES MERWINS have arrived in Japan and their address is now: Nada P.O. Box 8, Kobe, Japan. They write: "God has really blessed us spiritually. The Assembly of God ministers have been just wonderful to us and have just bent over backwards to help us in every way. It is really hard to reach the people here. It is dirty and dusty, and the missionaries certainly don't have a flowery bed of ease!"

From Berlin Germany comes a sample copy of Brother BEN KUMMERFELD's little soul-saving, German language paper *Heil und Heilung*. This nicely printed, illustrated paper is published quarterly and subscriptions are only fifty cents a year. Those interested may send order to Mrs. Martha Heath, 331 S. Batavia Street, Orange, California.

A very interesting letter from JOHN W. PECK who is in charge of evangelism at the Latin American Orphanage of Acapulco, Mexico, recently came to our attention. Brother Peck reported a great mass revival (very similar to the revival in El Salvador reported in the March *Glad Tidings*). "Services were held morning and night each day, and about 3,000 heard the Word daily. Literally thousands responded to the call to accept Jesus, and literally hundreds were healed of almost every form and type of illness."

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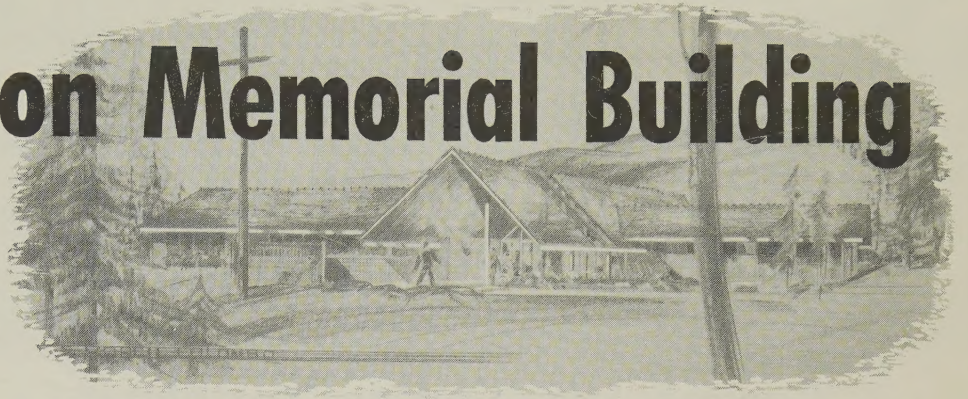
The Current Signs page is contributed by A. J. Lebeck.

A letter from the NIPPER family, missionaries to Japan, tell of beginning work in a new community. After 10 nights of tent meetings there were enough converts to begin a church with about 35 in average attendance. One of the native young men who graduated from Bible School three years ago is acting as pastor of the new work. Although Leonard and Eleanor Nipper are Southern California District missionaries, they are known to many of our readers. Sister Nipper's father is Brother D. T. JENKINS of Fresno who for several months has been supplying little column fillers for *Glad Tidings Magazine*.

In loving memory

W. T. Gaston Memorial Building

soon to be built!



by LEONARD
PALMER

"What Mean Ye By These Stones? These stones shall be a memorial . . . forever!" Josh. 4:6, 7.

HOW FITTING THAT A PROPER MEMORIAL should be raised in honor of those who have served the cause of Christ's kingdom in an outstanding manner! And just as the Israelites set up a memorial when they had passed over Jordan, so are we establishing a memorial here at Bethany Park.

"The W. T. Gaston Memorial" office building will be a worthy tribute to the memory of a truly great man who sojourned among us. Furthermore it will definitely serve to make possible the more efficient service of our headquarter's staff to our churches, pastors, missionaries and other ministers. Our very limited facilities in the over-crowded Bible College dorm have made it exceedingly difficult to perform effectively our respective tasks for the fellowship.

Long before his untimely passing, our Brother Gaston had envisioned, and then planned and labored to the end of making an adequate office building the crowning achievement of a long period of useful and God-

ference with him were, "Now, Brother Joe, just as soon as you and Brother Palmer get back from General Presbyters meeting we must get busy on plans for that office building". His sudden home-going made this consultation with him impossible. But the presbytery in following meetings, taking up the timely suggestion of one of their number, decided to make this

a tribute of love? You may have a very real part in setting up a memorial that will remind us, until Jesus comes, of one who sought only to magnify and to honor the name of the Christ he faithfully lived and served.

Sunday, June 2, has been established as W. T. Gaston Memorial Sunday!

Each of our churches and pastors

June 2 - W. T. Gaston Memorial Sunday

blest administration. Indeed, the very last words he spoke to Brother Gerhart at the conclusion of his final con-important project a Christ-honoring commemoration to our beloved Brother Gaston. God grant this shall be an evidence of our heart-felt tribute to the man whose ministry did so much to strengthen and stabilize our great fellowship here.

"What mean ye by these stones?" Will you make each block, each shingle, each timber, each window, each component part of this new building

is urged to receive a good liberal offering on that day to be forwarded to Rev. J. L. Gerhart, Box 961, Santa Cruz, designated for the "W. T. Gaston Memorial Building."

Individuals wishing to do so may make sizable contributions. Those who give \$100 or more to the fund will have their names permanently inscribed on a scroll or plaque which will be placed in a conspicuous place in the building. Interested friends who do not now have the money they wish to contribute may make their "Faith Promises" toward the fund to be paid in ninety days, six months or one year hence. Let each of us help to let posterity know "What mean ye by these stones. These stones shall be a memorial forever."

Below: These views of the present District offices emphasize the urgency of this worthy project. Our staff is simply too crowded for top efficiency.





The brethren who gathered on the occasion of the ground breaking at Northland. (l. to r.): Joseph L. Gerhart, P. R. Ford, C. E. Waller, Leonard Palmer, "Keetah" Jones, William Vickery, L. R. Anderson, and R. A. Wilson Sr.

Ground Breaking at Northland

Ministers and friends of the new Northland Church gathered for a dedication service at the site of this Church Extension project Monday afternoon, April 15. Paul Nielsen led in a short song service, Joseph Gerhart prayed, and Lawrence Anderson introduced the building committee of the North Bay Section and those who are to do the actual construction. After a message by R. A. Wilson, Leonard Palmer offered the dedicatory prayer.

The service was then adjourned to the Vallejo Assembly of God where

a dinner had been prepared by the W.M.C.

The North Bay Sectional Fellowship Meeting, held during the evening, featured a Home Missionary Rally. A highlight of the service was the report of R. A. Wilson that the widow of Wesley Kaufman had promised five hundred dollars for the Northland project as a memorial for her husband. An equal amount was raised in cash and pledges by the congregation. Robert Carrington challenged the gathering by a stirring message.

The Northland Church is making encouraging progress. The foundation and floor are finished and the trusses will be raised within a few days. Mr. Waller, a contractor from the Sebastopol Assembly, is directing construction, and donated labor is invited at any time.

Many have asked how much was received for the C.E.F. call for the Northland Church. By the middle of April \$523.59 had been received. There will be a call for a new C.E.F. project in June.

Sectional interest in regular Home Missions has been exceptionally fine. In the March fellowship meeting the Peninsula Section, under the leadership of C. E. Curtright, gave \$333.28, and the Sacramento Valley Section headed by Harold Byram raised \$232.00. Other sections have set as a goal no less than one hundred dollars for each month.

During this advance regular commitments must still be met so do not

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WHAT IS TRUTH ?

by ALVY E. FORD

AN intensely heavy silence hung over the judgment hall. The soldiers stood in position, lined along the walls. A lone figure, weary but majestic, stood with head bowed beside the judgment seat. A closer view would reveal that his hands were tied. The reason for this would be hard to decipher if one were unfamiliar with the situation. His face, pathetic in its sorrow, showed the strength of character. His eyes piercing, but oh so gentle, gave at once a sweet compassion and a searching authority to his features.

Slow, heavy footsteps could be heard approaching the spacious hall. Immediately Pilate entered, face drawn, a mixture of fear and scorn written in his expression. He approached the silent prisoner, eyes downcast. Why should he have anything to do with the petty grievances of that bunch of pious hypocrites anyway? Why couldn't they solve their own problems, if they were so wise? They seemed to want more than the mere settling of a national problem. From all implications they wanted nothing less than the death of this one they called a malefactor. Blood-thirsty wretches! As Pilate neared the victim, he contemplated. I must discover what is in this man that they should want him killed according to Roman law. He doesn't appear so harmful, standing there in silent. . . (what word would describe it)? . . . majesty — majesty — as if he were a king! Yes, he stands as if he owned

all creation, as if he knew the end from the beginning. But think! is not the accusation those pious hypocrites made against him? That he had claimed to be a king, the King of the Jews? Seeing him now I would not doubt it — perhaps he is a king. Hal he should know whether he be a king or not; I shall ask him.

"Art thou the King of the Jews?" Those searching eyes met Pilate's. "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?"

"Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me. . ." — almost in bitterness did he reply. "What hast thou done?"

Reassurance in His tone the Accused made answer, not directly but by way of explanation. "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

Pilate was frankly puzzled. "Art thou a king then?"

"Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."

What strange words! A king . . . born to bear witness of the truth. The TRUTH—the TRUTH—the TRUTH. Hal! is there such a thing? an intangible substance! The world is full of

hypocrites; everyone seeks for all that he can get for himself, however he might get it. No one thinks of honesty—of truth . . . TRUTH . . . TRUTH.

"What is truth?" Again those piercing eyes met Pilate's. His jest, barely uttered, became a sharp though gentle, rebuke. In that one glance Pilate saw the answer to his question. Those eyes burned into his soul the realization of truth . . . TRUTH . . . TRUTH. Yes, the world is full of fraud, the eyes seemed to say. The world is full of hypocrites, of dishonest dealings, of iniquity. But I have come into the world to bear witness of the TRUTH. I am the TRUTH. Everyone that is of the TRUTH will hear and believe and follow me. Do you seek for reality? Reality is in TRUTH. I am the TRUTH; reality is in Me. I am the Way, the TRUTH, the Life. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me. The decision was left for Pilate to make. Having come face to face with TRUTH, would he accept IT? Or would he like the Jewish nation reject the Son of God? Would he rather continue in his evil deeds than to acknowledge the TRUTH? Could he ever forget that brief glimpse of TRUTH? We may never know in this life what became of Pilate. But this same proposition is set before every individual who hears the gospel message today. The world questions: What is truth? but refuses the only valid answer to its question. The SON OF GOD is the TRUTH.

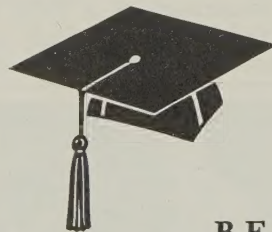
MOTHER

The bravest battle that was ever fought,
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the way of the world you'll find it not
—'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen;
Nay, not with words of eloquence
fraught—
From the mouth of wonderful men.

But deep in the walled-up mother's heart
A mother that will not yield,
But patiently, quietly bears her part,
In them is the battlefield.

No marshaled troops, no campfire song,
No battles that gleam or wave—
But, oh, those battles last so long—
From babyhood to the grave.



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Our Challenge to Minister the Bread of Life to Needy Humanity

On October 23, 1956, the world was startled by the news of an uprising in Communist Hungary. The people of that land, tired of the regime under Red masters, sought to throw off the galling yoke that restrained them. The outcomes are well known to us today: after five days of liberty the revolt was crushed, multitudes lost their lives, beautiful buildings and valuable property was ruthlessly destroyed, and the Hungarian people have found themselves as rigidly bound as ever.

Our District evangelists, Richard and Carola Ruff were in Europe at the time of the Hungarian uprisings, and of course had occasion to contact some of the refugees who streamed into Vienna, Austria. They were profoundly stirred by the need and responsiveness of these people, and it is their purpose to return to Vienna this summer and to include the evangel-

ization of Hungarian refugees in their ministry. They have obtained a special government permit that gives them free access into the refugee camps. Ministering with the Ruffs will be Noel Wilson, youngest son of Assistant Secretary R. A. Wilson. Noel will be returning to continue his studies in Bethany Bible College in the fall season.

Most assuredly the plight and needs of the Hungarian refugees are impressive. Out of a group that numbered 175,000, only a handful have found homes in America, Canada or Western Europe. The remainder are still existing in camps throughout Europe. A great part of the work on their behalf thus far has been only emergency, stop-gap measures.

The pathos of the status of these people is illustrated by a little incident reported by Brother Ruff. During the course of his meetings in Salz-

Two views of Hungarian refugees in free Austria. (left) Streams of people such as these passed through the border towns of free Austria. They carried with them all their earthly possessions and many entire families came out together. (right) A group of refugees listen to news from their homeland. The striking fact concerning this group is that they are almost all young people. While they were in Hungary they could not have been reached by western Gospel workers; in the transitions involved with their new life they are undoubtedly receptive and responsive to the Gospel message.

burg, Austria, a party of Hungarian refugees on their way to a camp halted their march and came into the service. Brother Ruff, with the help of others, ministered to them and before long the entire party, which numbered about 30 people, signified their desire to give their hearts to the Lord. There was a precious time of prayer and communion with God as each one prayed through to what was obviously a definite experience with the Lord. At the close of the service Brother Ruff suggested that the group sing a hymn in an expression of praise to their new-found Saviour. After some embarrassment it was discovered that not a single convert was in any manner acquainted with any type of Gospel hymn or song. Finally, someone suggested that they sing their national anthem, so that is what they did.

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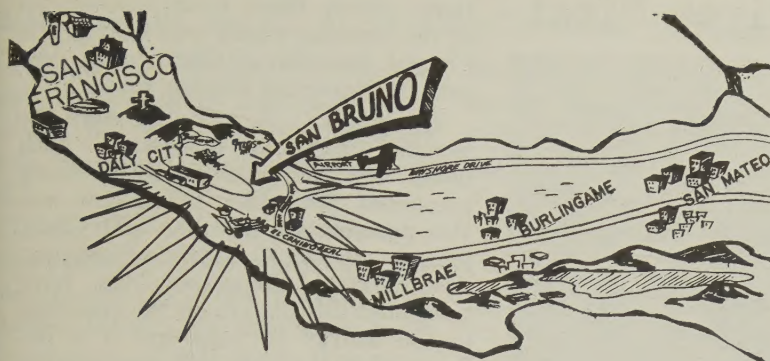


Evangelists Richard and Carola Ruff and their family.



Musician Noel Wilson, summer assistant to the Ruffs.

"My San Bruno Competition"



(Left): The location and facilities of the San Bruno area — a careful scrutiny of the map will make this article more meaningful.

by

San Bruno Pastor

Edwin L. Cole

IT IS THE LOT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF God Church in San Bruno to be located in the virtual shadow of a large "Revival Center." Consequently it has been rather easy to view the behavior and devotion of these "religionists." Our findings are noteworthy enough to be worth a few moments of attention.

These religionists are quite zealous in their worship. During services their devotion will scarcely allow them to miss a "service," and they abound in enthusiasm that at times is contagious and powerful. They seemingly are never daunted by success or failure, gain or loss, but with effervescent expectation they continue to practice their "worship."

Their consecration is very deep, and very very real. They have the testimony of having actually left homes, jobs, and loved ones for their "religion." They face the ire of irate wives with equanimity, the wrath of bosses with a smile, and the threat of indignation from friends with unperturbed calm.

On some occasions they become extremely fanatical during "services." Many have been known to become so in the grip of the "spirit of the meeting" that they have become trance-like, or even passed into semi-consciousness. They leap and jump in the ecstasy of the moment during "service," shout, laugh, dance, and become so weak from hilarity they fall on the floor and roll! Many are devoted students. They give long hours of concentrated study to the "doctrines and forms" of their religion. In the absorption of such study they have offended friends and loved ones alike. Avid readers of tracts, they

often purchase them, and eagerly peruse them for scraps and fragments that might mean "good news" to them.

They never fail to bring an "offering" to service to give. In many cases their conserated surrender to "the faith" has meant sacrifice to the detriment of their own comfort. In fact, sacrificial giving is the rule rather than the exception.

They zealously evangelize and attempt to make converts. When one has been genuinely "converted" he or she becomes quite a different person in every aspect of living. Rain or sunshine, they are always eager to attend "service" and ever ready to in-

vite friends and neighbors to attend with them.

The "worshippers" do not gossip or criticize the "pastor's" good fortune in owning a lovely limousine or a nice home. The "pastor" and his staff have been known to serve eighteen or twenty hours per day during "revivals" and still they are earnestly seeking to make more converts by any means whatsoever.

Additional facts and facets concerning this "sect" are too numerous to mention here. Perhaps you can add to what has been written when I tell you that in San Bruno this Center is known as the: TANFORAN RACE TRACK!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MARCH, 1957

MINISTERS —

Total at first of year	985
Total at first of month	996
Total at end of month	995

Ordained

Added
John S. Mattox

Removed
Leland Good

Licensed

Added
Edward A. Pfau
Mrs. Ethel Lundeen

Removed
Harold Richardson

Christian Workers
Added

Removed
Melvin E. Harris
1 did not renew

Usual reasons for removal include: transfer to another district or organization, failure to renew credentials, or death.

JUNE 2 W.T. GASTON MEMORIAL DAY

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Our Sectional Representatives Meet



Here's the fine company of C. A. workers who gathered at the Sectional Representatives Conference. Front row (l. to r.): Bob Robertson, Sacramento Valley; Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent; Earl McMilin, Contra Costa; Ken Roper, Lake-Mendocino; Don Merrill, Central San Joaquin; Fulton Buntain, East Bay and Vice President; Steve Asmuth, Secretary-Treasurer; Walt Boring, President. Back row (l. to r.): Ed Klinsky, North Bay; Harvey Clark, Coast Counties; Jim Logan, North San Joaquin; Earl Gould, South San Joaquin, Doug Fairrington, Capitol, and Paul Kienel, Peninsula.



GOAL presentation to Ivan Suess of Lodi. (l. to r.) Gerry Gomes, Narrator, Walt Boring, Ivan Suess, Jack Larson, guard over the plaque.

START SAVING NOW \$ \$ \$ \$

Youth Camps start in just two months, and it is time to start saving the shekels and making the plans. Decide which camp you wish to attend and make your reservation as soon as possible. There will be five funpacked camps in the district this year and one of them is bound to be near your home town, so get the gang together and have the best summer you have ever enjoyed.

WOT'S IN A NAME ? ? ?

Those very wonderful people whom we have known for so many years as our Sectional Chairmen are no longer going to be under that name. The name has been standardized in the whole country to Sectional Representatives, so, from now on, they have a new name. One thing for sure, though, is that they will always be the same old crew doing a bang up job in our district Christ's Ambassadors affairs.

March 19, 20 was an important time for all the Sectional Representatives as they converged on Sacramento for their annual Conference. All Sections except three were represented at the meeting which was held at the Capital Assembly of God church, pastored by Reverend George Elrod.

The year's C. A. activities were the general topics of discussion, with many new and exciting ideas being presented. Something brand new was the presentation of the "300 Club" plan for district C.A. office financing. The Sectional Representatives have presented this plan to all the churches of the district by now and it is believed that through 100% cooperation from every church, our financial status will become greatly improved.

A highlight of the conference was the banquet prepared and served by the W.M.C. of the Capital Assembly of God church. A skit was given to officially give GOAL a kick-off in our district. Since the Lodi Christ's Ambassadors were the first C.A.'s in the entire nation to turn in a 100% GOAL report for 1956, a GOAL plaque was presented to guest of honor Ivan Suess, president of the Lodi C.A.'s. One of the dramatic parts of the skit was when Ken Roper, Representative of the Lake-Mendocino Section, attempted, by pre-arrangement of course, to spirit away the GOAL plaque belonging to the Lodi C.A.'s. One of the military guards fired on Ken, (with the help of a blank shooting pistol) and Ken died before our eyes in a most spectacular manner. All in all, the skit was fun and the representatives were able to get a real idea of what GOAL is all about.

As is seen in the accompanying pictures, the conference was honored to have present our district superintendent Brother Leonard Palmer. His helpful remarks from time to time were appreciated.

OUR SUMMER CAMPS

HEY C. A.!! Summer is coming soon and it is time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMPS. This year you have five wonderful selections:

1. REDWOOD CAMP. July 8-13.
2. SANTA CRUZ CAMP. July 15-20.
3. MINERAL CAMP. July 22-27.
4. METEOR RANCH CAMP. July 28-Aug. 3. (Clear Lake.)
5. SANTA CRUZ CAMP. August 5-10. (13 and 14 yr.)

For information write now to:
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TWENTIETH CENTURY C. A.'s!

Steve Asmuth, our C. A. Secretary-Treasurer challenges us to first century principles.

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WAS STIRRED! An evangelist had come into town a few days before, and many of the townspeople had been converted.

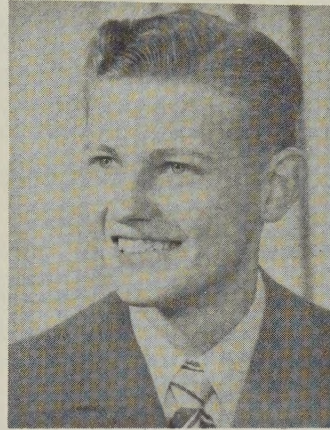
In the revival crowd one day sat a boy, probably in his teens. He had been taught the Word of God by his devout mother, but had never made a profession of salvation. The evangelist's message went forth and found lodging in the young man's heart, and he was saved.

About seven years later, the evangelist returned to the city, and rejoiced to find the young man diligently serving the Lord. He accepted the evangelist's invitation to become his assistant, and travelled with him for a number of years.

The young "Christ's Ambassador" later became a resident minister in a city several hundred miles from his home town. One day he received a letter from the evangelist giving him valuable instructions. As he neared

the end of the letter, he read, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith."

This young man — Timothy — may



In addition to serving the C. A. department, Brother Asmuth ministers as assistant pastor in Calvary Tabernacle of Stockton.

have wondered the same thing I am wondering today. What might the Apostle Paul have been thinking when he wrote these words (I Tim. 6:11, 12)? And may not these words and thoughts be well-directed to 20th century Christ's Ambassadors?

"You are young. You have ambition. You want to make something of your life. And, you are a Christian — a sincere, radiant, energetic Christian.

FLEE from sin

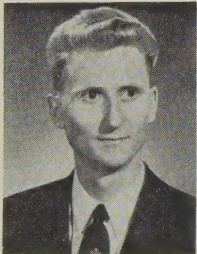
"I have words of caution. Do not meddle with sin; do not stand near it; leave it alone. Put as much distance between sin and yourself as possible, else you become 'again entangled therein.' Do not flirt with sin, for surely it 'biteth like a serpent' and 'bringeth forth death.' The sins of your past life need no longer be evident. Leave them behind forever.

FOLLOW after Him

"But you must do more than 'put
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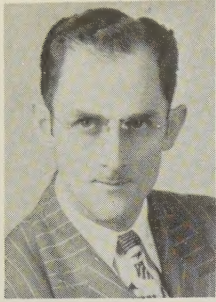
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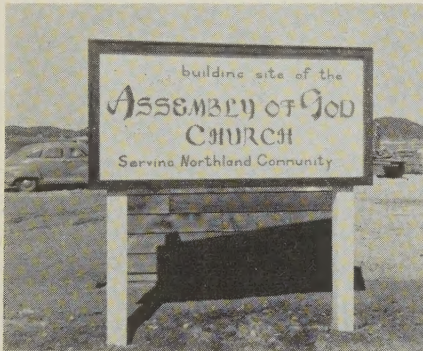
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The late
Wesley G.
Kaufman

In keeping with Brother Kaufman's wish, his widow, Irene Kaufman, recently forwarded to the District a check for \$500.

designate all the fellowship meeting offerings. Churches and sections are encouraged to remember both Northland and our faithful home missionaries and, most of all, to pray for Home Missions.



With the excellent response to C. E. F. this signpost will soon be replaced by a lovely church building.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE — Two church buses. Ford, 1938, seats 30, good tires and motor, \$175.00. Dodge, 1935, seats 40, good tires and motor, \$225.00. Both together \$375.00. They can be seen at the Assembly of God, 8th Street and Oak Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon. For further information contact Pastor Silas H. Jones, 145 Dahlia Street, Klamath Falls.

FOR LEASE — (one year or longer.) Cottage at Bethany Park. Furnished. Three rooms. Available immediately. \$35.00 monthly. Inquire: District Office.

SACRIFICE — Tent 60x120 and all equipment. Good condition. Also 300 metal seat ends. Make offer. Contact V. G. Gortner, 3035 Deakin Street, Berkeley 5, California.

FOR SALE — Choice lot on Beth-

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

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Lacking any tradition in the Gospel of Christ, these people are often pathetically uninformed in the rudiments of Christian worship as we see it.

Let us pray for the Ruffs and Brother Wilson as they minister this summer on our behalf. May their ministry, both in the churches of Austria, and in the Hungarian refugee camps be indeed blessed of God! And may we pray for these displaced people from Hungary, that these tragic days in their lives might be turned to good through their hearing at last the glorious message of Gospel deliverance.

OPEN FOR CALLS

After some 20 years of ministry elsewhere, Evangelist "Billy" Lewis is returning to our District and will be free for meetings after June. He may be contacted c/o 121 Ladera Drive, Santa Cruz, California.

Evangelist Hary J. Steil will be on the west coast through the summer season and is open for meetings during that time. His mailing address is: 315 Riverdale Avenue, Rocky River 16, (Cleveland), Ohio.

any Circle. 100 foot frontage. Some improvements. Reasonable terms. Contact Mrs. L. Powell, 322 Highland Avenue, Santa Cruz, Garden 3-3692.

FOR SALE — Golanti Super Dominator accordion. Professional model, 120 bass, 4 reed treble, 5 reed bass, with 21 switches. Black and silver finish, like new. Was \$1,500. Will accept reasonable offer and make terms. Address W. C. Peirce, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

REVIVALTIME FACTS

In February of this year, the grand total of giving for Revivaltime from our District was \$572.09. In March, the month *Glad Tidings* featured our District part in the program, the total was \$1,450.74, or nearly three times as much. Admittedly the larger part of the increase is a normal seasonal trend, but *Glad Tidings* is pleased to feel that it had some small part in this favorable outcome.

During March, some 48 of our churches (14%) contributed to Revivaltime. Our District moved from 12th to 11th place in total giving for the nation. Personal offerings amount-



*You'd Be Surprised
How Much You
Can Spare!*

The first time you're approached about giving blood you say to yourself, "I've never noticed I had any extra!" But there is a feeling of satisfaction when you think that your gift is a gift of life.

Your money, too, can mean life for someone. Perhaps you'll protest "I've never noticed I had any extra!" But the person who establishes regular savings habits will find that no matter how small the income, a portion can be set aside in savings.

Your satisfaction in saving will be doubled if you invest the savings with Church Extension Plan. For then your money is translated into new churches and Sunday Schools. It may indeed prove the salvation of some soul.

Church Extension Plan, you see, is a non-profit organization which helps churches finance new buildings. There are several ways you can invest safely and soundly at good interest with Church Extension Plan. Write today and let us tell you about it.

Write Rev. Atwood Foster, Pres.

CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN

P. O. BOX 1567 SALEM, OREGON

ed to \$449.90.

Since the cost of the station releases in our constituency totals \$1,096.03 monthly we are currently a little behind in paying our bill.

It is not so much a matter of large sums from a few, but a little from all of us that is needed. Once more we may say: "Friends of the Northern California-Nevada District, let's help ourselves by helping Revivaltime effectively to minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our midst." All letters should be addressed: Revivaltime, Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

All of us are challenged to

Boost Boys and Girls Camps

"SCHOOL'S OUT AND WE'RE GOING TO camp!", you can hear many excited youngsters shout as they pour out of school buildings across the nation. Hundreds of youth service organizations are busy during the summer months with camping and various other activities for children. Often times boys and girls of our Assemblies of God churches hear other children talk of these activities and want to join them, but what folly it would be to encourage an association which would tend to lessen their interest in the things of God! How much better to provide a truly Christian camp with a basic spiritual emphasis. Too, there are many children who attend our Sunday Schools who come from non-Christian homes. During the summer, these children will fill their time with *some* activity, and it is possible that they will be drawn into bad company unless we provide activities of interest to them. These children especially need extra time in a Christian atmosphere in addition to the hour a week they spend in Sunday School.

A Christian boys and girls' camp not only gives a physical and social outlet, but it also makes provision for spiritual help and gives an additional amount of time for instruction in God's Word.

If you've had boys and girls from your church attend our Assemblies of God boys and girls' camps, you have no doubt been thrilled by the reports brought back of children being saved, receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and consecrating their lives to the Lord's service.

The boys and girls enjoy to the full the time of recreation each day the learning of interesting and valuable handicrafts; and just plain "fun" of being with boys and girls their own age for a number of days.

Above and beyond these enjoyments, however, is the indelible impression made upon the hearts of these youngsters, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, in the courses of Bible Study and the inspiring evening gospel services. Boys and girls come home with new zeal for the things of the Lord, ready to live for Him in the school days ahead. For approximately 144 hours, the child is

separated from non-Christian influences that would turn him from the Lord. The great value of these hours can only be known in eternity.

Let's encourage attendance at boys and girls' camp this summer. Why not provide some sort of scholarship plan in your Sunday School; or, perhaps make a certain provision toward the expense of those who desire to go

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

As summer approaches and public schools close, the work of every Sunday School should be increasing. Summer days provide opportunity too great to be neglected by those who are engaged in winning souls to the Lord! Boys and girls soon do all they had thought of doing after school closes and begin to look for some diversion of their own. Often their idleness leads to serious difficulties—the beginning of trouble—sometimes the start of delinquency. Let those of us who are full-gospel workers meet this challenge in a positive way. There are many avenues for reaching children for the Lord during the summer—the Bible Story Hour in homes and on playgrounds, Boys and Girls' Camps, and the popular Vacation Bible School.

In the two weeks of Vacation Bible School especially is the OPPORTUN-

to camp. The amount your Sunday School invests in your boys and girls will pay many times over as you see these children grow to consecrated Christian youths and then men and women who are grounded in God's Word and partakers of our Pentecostal heritage.

The cost of camp this year will be \$13.50, which will include registration, insurance, room, and meals. Each camper will need 25c extra for a workbook and some spending money. If the camper should want to do craft-work he will need money to buy his craft materials.

For further information write to Boys and Girls Camps, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

ITY to WIN, TEACH and TRAIN boys and girls for the Lord.

WIN

Not only can those be reached from your own Sunday School, but because VBS is readily attended by all children from the community, it is a golden opportunity for evangelism—WINNING children to a definite experience of salvation in the formative years of their lives. You also are able indirectly to reach parents of children who attend as the children take home what they have heard. Too, you can reach parents directly as they attend the closing program of the Bible School where the gospel message can be presented and an invitation given.

TEACH

Because of VBS, there are an additional thirty hours of Christian influence, a large part of it actual TEACHING time, in the lives of the children. Where only fifty hours, at the most, are made possible for teaching during an entire year of Sunday School, a total of eighty hours of teaching time is possible by having a Bible School.

TRAIN

Also, through the Vacation Bible School, you will be able to locate and TRAIN workers for your Sunday School. Extra teachers and helpers are needed for VBS, and in just a few days time, VBS gives those who are new at teaching what would be several months of experience in Sunday School. Much talent that has been dormant is unearthed through a Vacation Bible School, and will prove

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BOYS AND GIRLS CAMPS

BASS LAKE

Ages 9 - 12
July 8 - 13

REDWOOD

Ages 9 - 12
July 15 - 20

MT LASSEN

Ages 9 - 12
July 15 - 20

BETHANY PARK

Ages 9 - 10
July 22 - 27
Ages 11 - 12
July 29 - Aug. 3

HERE AND THERE

About Our District

BIGGS — A special Easter revival was held by Evangelist Walter Trumbo. The meetings were of great blessing to everyone attending the services. Ray Oliver is pastor.

CARMICHAEL — Pastor Virgil E. Christian writes of a recent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Oney. He reports that the meetings were enjoyed by all.

A member family recently donated the church a beautiful Hammond Organ which has added much to their services.

DELHI — News comes from this Assembly of their past revivals. They had a good revival with Evangelist Gerald Fischer in January and now they have just concluded a splendid revival with Rev. C. J. Coffey. Gordon Ingersol accompanied him as a pianist. The meetings were of blessing and benefit to all in the church. Wilford Frazier is the pastor.

GRASS VALLEY — The church has seen an increase in Sunday School attendance during their recent contest and they have achieved one of the highest attendances on record for the church. Douglas Fairington is pastor.

KEYES — Pastor C. J. Brown writes, "During the month of February the church

enjoyed a fine revival with Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Bakersfield. Night after night the congregation was blessed by the anointed preaching of the word of God. About twenty were saved and four filled with the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit continues to prevail in our regular services and people are seeking God."

LIVERMORE — Pastors John and Mildred Green report optimistically of their progress in pioneering a work in this town. They are holding regular Sunday services in rented property and cottage mid-week Bible studies. They write: "We have taken on a monthly missionary pledge already from this group. It is very interesting to begin a new work." Anyone interested in affiliating with this new work could contact Pastor John Green, P.O. Box 530, Livermore, California.

LOVELOCK (Nevada) — Ralph and Mildred Holder write: "We are starting a new work in the Indian Colony here. They have given us the use of the community building which is large enough for church with extra Sunday School rooms. All the windows are broken, many doors taken away, and the place needs a lot of renovating, but it is well built and can be made into a real good church building. We could

use some good flannel material and surplus Sunday school material for beginners only, and also back issues of the *Evangel*. We have enough Sunday school material on hand for the other ages. We would appreciate much prayer."

MARYSVILLE (Linda Assembly of God) — In a recent letter, Pastor Pike Robinson reports: "Our church is enjoying good progress under God's blessing. Although it is only six months old, we are currently averaging about 65 in Sunday School. Souls are being saved and believers drawn closer to the Lord. Already our new building is inadequate and we are making plans for the second unit of our plant. Recent visiting speakers have included Missionary Wheeler Anderson and Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Nielsen."

MERCED — Rev. Earl Gould reports, "During the week of February 11-15, five churches of the South San Joaquin Section were thrilled by the teaching of Brother William O. Vickery in an area-wide Bible Course. The text for the course, "The Spirit Himself", has left a life-time impact upon our churches. Brother Vickery has an anointed, inspirational and instructive teaching method which is a God-given ministry. Fifty-eight certificates were issued and the enrollment reached 75-80."

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — The church has started a Men's Fellowship. The first meeting was a real success with 51 men

Interesting News Concerning C. E. P. in our District

CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN CONTINUES as an active agency within our District. Newest move has been the appointment of E. Wm. Anderson as the full-time Representative of this program. Brother Anderson succeeds C. O. Baker who was the former Representative.

E. Wm. Anderson is well-known among us, having been the successful pastor of the El Cerrito Assembly of God Tabernacle for some seven years. He has also pastored in our District in Ceres, Oakland, and Chico. He has served as an evangelist and travelled throughout the U. S. and up into Canada. He is a graduate of G.T.B.I. (now B.B.C.), class of '31.

Brother Anderson is quite optimistic about the prospects for Church Extension Plan in our District. He reports that a number of churches are interested and that a number are awaiting his attention in the face of a busy schedule. However, pastors and congregations who wish to consult with Brother Anderson are invited to contact him as soon as possible. He intends that his ministry through C.E.P. shall be the greatest possible blessing to our pastors and churches.

Letters to Brother Anderson may be addressed to the District Office (P.O. Box 961, Santa Cruz) or to his home residence: 718 Laurent, Santa Cruz.

His home phone is GA 3-1325.

C.E.P. is a plan to make available funds in large amounts for church building programs. Basically, it is not a program for raising funds through the gifts of the congregation over a period of time, but a program to put in the hands of the building committee sufficient cash to enable them to proceed with the building.



E. Wm. Anderson, newly appointed C. E. P. Representative in our District.

Money thus raised is repaid to the investors by means of the gifts of the people in their regular building fund offerings. Investors in C.E.P. are offered a worthwhile interest on their investments, and in each case their money is adequately secured by sound administration. Rev. Atwood Foster, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God is the President of C.E.P.

A recent news release from Church Extension Plan headquarters in Salem, Oregon, cites a few words from a message by Brother Foster: "If we are going to preach and reach people for Christ, we have to provide adequate facilities to take care of them. If we don't, we have missed the mark. . . . We have prayed about it. Now we must do something about it. By the grace of God we want to help provide churches with adequate buildings, Sunday school annexes, grade schools, and high schools. We have great vision and faith . . . our Lord will help us."

Our District has given enthusiastic approval of C.E.P. and many of our churches have already been aided through its program. Anyone interested in further information concerning either the investment plan or the church loan plan should contact Brother Anderson at their earliest convenience.

in attendance. Pastor Don Lehman of Glad Tidings, San Francisco, brought the evening message which was a real challenge to all. O. L. Foth is pastor and Ardon Schmidt is Minister of youth and Christian education.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) — The church enjoyed and profitted from the ministry of Charles Blair as main speaker in their Speed-the-Light Missionary Convention. The services were a time of challenge to all. Another recent speaker was C. M. Ward who spoke at a special Revivaltime Rally. Clyde Henson is pastor of the church.

SALINAS (Alisal) — Pastor Joe Wright writes of the recent revival with the Singing Wyricks, "The anointed preaching of Evangelist Wyrick and their singing will never be forgotten in this Assembly. 31 came to the altar for salvation and there was a large attendance nightly. The outstanding events were a Baptist minister and a Methodist Sunday School Superintendent and his wife receiving the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance reached an all time high of 238. Every department was blessed spiritually and financially through this revival."

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Easter was a day of special services for this church. There was a special Sunrise service followed by the regular services of the day. The speakers were District Superintendent Leonard Palmer and Evangelist Ralph Cranston. The pastor is T. Kermit Jeffrey.

STOCKTON (Full Gospel A. of G.) — "We were recently in an outstanding revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Verlyn Skore. The meetings were of such spiritual blessing that they continued for an additional week. There was a definite spiritual move amongst our people, a good number were saved, some were baptized in the Spirit, and 13 were baptized in water. A highlight of the meeting was Brother Skore's film of his ministry in Jamaica." The pastor is R. H. Graham.

TURLOCK — Bethel Temple's Pastor Robert Carrington has written: "This is a note to report the recent Bible teaching ministry of Brother Williard Peirce, who has just completed a two-week instruction meeting on *The Spirit Himself*. Brother Pierce's ministry and teaching is outstanding. It has been many years since we have heard such helpful, wholesome, and healthful teaching along these lines. Of a special benefit was his teaching to the new people who have recently come into the experience of Pentecost. Our church and our people will profit for many years to come. I recommend him as one of the finest Bible teachers in our circles today."

WILLITS — Presbyter J. R. Edgar of the Lake-Mendocino Section reports: "We had our monthly Fellowship Meeting at Willits, March 11. It was a marvelous day of blessing. We also welcomed the new pastors there, Brother and Sister Kenneth Bird, formerly of Willows. We had a number of our pastors speak in the afternoon, with anointing and brevity. Brother William Vickery, Pastor at San Rafael, spoke in the evening. God blessed his message on "The Blood of Christ." The host church had a lovely dinner for all the visitors.

At Our National Office

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS — Promotional Director Grant Wacker has resigned to join the staff of Evangel College. The work previously done by Brother Wacker will be divided between various existing staff members of the C.A. Department.

EDUCATION — The Department is offering a suggested program for High School Day. Pastors may request the program, but in writing should enclose a list of High School graduates-to-be and their addresses.

PUBLIC RELATIONS — An interesting announcement from this Department is that the U.S. and foreign adherents of the Assemblies of God have now passed the million mark. The totals are: U.S. — 470,361, and foreign 575,811. The grand total is 1,046,172. In the past 10 years our membership has increased 65%. In the U. S. we now have 7,916 churches and some 14,000 licensed and ordained ministers. The Sunday school enrollment in the U.S. is 824,096 and there is a drive to boost the figure to one million by 1960.

PUBLICATIONS — A number of announcements have come from this Department.

Consideration is being given to possibilities of producing the new song book *Melodies of Praise* in shape notes. Pastors may cast a vote of interest by contacting Rev. Edwin Anderson at Head Office.

Reprints of articles from the *Evangel* are available at the rate of 50 for one dollar. The articles are: "God's Grace in the Life of a Famous Wrestler," and "Back from the Dark Valley." Order from Head Office.

The two Spanish editions of Myer Pearlman's *Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible* are almost exhausted and plans are under way for the printing of a revision.

Worrell's translation of the New Testament is now on the market at \$4.95.

On Our Overseas Front

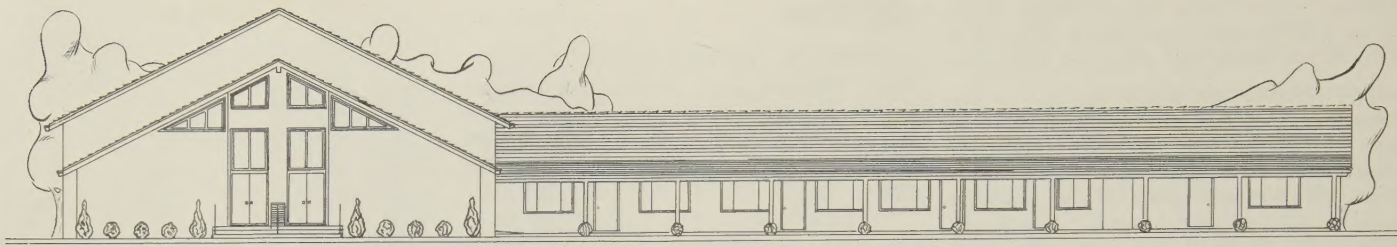
BRAZIL — The Bernhard Johnsons write: "We are all fine and busy for the Lord. From all parts comes the call 'Come over and help us.' Just this last week we had the great privilege of opening up another town. The place was hid away in the mountains and not even on the map but we learned of it through a woman and her husband whom we had won to the Lord. These people kept calling for us to come and this last week was the opportunity the Lord gave us to go there. The minute we opened the accordion and started to play and sing, the house was jammed with listeners and it was necessary for us to go to the street corner to conduct the service. What a hunger in the hearts of the people! Many said 'Why haven't we heard this before? Why hadn't someone told us that God is love?' They had the idea that God is a stern judge and they didn't know that Christ came to save the lost. How many raised a hand for salvation that night I



PICTURE WITH A STORY: Guatemalan Missionary John L. Franklin and native Christian Jose Xiquin inspect a gleaming machete. Here's the story. One Sunday morning, on his way to Sunday school, Jose Xiquin was set upon by 3 assassins as he passed a remote place on the mountain trail. For several weeks these men had been threatening Brother Xiquin because of his new-found faith in the Lord Jesus. The assassins pinned him to the ground and while 2 held him down the third struck 3 merciless blows with the heavy machete. They left him covered with blood and presumably dying. But slowly his consciousness returned and he staggered up and made his way to the town of Penajachel. At the hospital they sewed up his gashes and after a week of confinement were able to release him. In the meantime, he had identified his assailants and they had been jailed. But as soon as he was out of the hospital, Jose presented himself before the police and requested: "Let them go, I have no cause against them." Comments Missionary Franklin, "That's the Gospel we preach! It works for people of all nations. It changes the heart; puts love where there was nothing but hate."

cannot say, but hands went up all over. Help us pray for the interior of Brazil that God shall help us to prepare workers and also supply the means to support the workers."

FIJI ISLANDS — Adrian and Charlotte Heetebry write of their safe arrival on the field once more and of blessings already outpoured. Last Sunday night two received the baptism in the Spirit here in First Church and our first Sunday after return-



The architect's sketch of the new church to be built at Chico. Groundbreaking ceremonies have already been held, and construction is now underway on this lovely new building. The pastor is J. C. Snyder, formerly of

Merced. The new building is expected to cost about \$75,000 and it will provide 11,000 square feet of floor space. The auditorium will seat 450 with an overflow section allowing for an additional 150.

ing, four medical students came to the altar for salvation. This rejoices our hearts and we praise God for such encouragement." They tell of travelling with the Duncans of Australia as shipmates and enjoying a stop-over in Honolulu with a visit with Brother Harold Headrick.

INDIA — John and Eunice Wright who are missionary-teachers in the Southeast Asia Bible Institute report: "It is a great pleasure for us to be associated in the work of S.A.B.I. under the capable direction of Brother Carl Malz, our talented, spirit-filled principal. Our fourth annual graduation is on March 31 and at that time 16 young preachers will go out to the needy Indian fields. This year our students have done evangelistic work in over 50 villages, passing out some 30,000 tracts with a personal word for Christ."

PHILIPPINES — An enthusiastic report from Calvin and Olive Zeissler tells of continued blessings and victory. "We have seen all existing records broken once more. In our church, Sunday school has reached 198. We had adults and children standing everywhere because of lack of room. Our outstation attendance has been holding at about 1,550. Our new work in Bago is coming right along. We expect soon to have a permanent chapel built there. The Lord has laid this work upon the hearts of the pastors and members of the Assembly in Seaside and they are providing financially so that we can go ahead."

News of our District MISSIONARIES

by Margaret Bond

Word has just been received from Sister RUTH COUCHMAN that she and her co-worker, Miss Pansy Blossom, will be leaving for Argentina from the New Orleans port on April 18 and expect to arrive in Buenos Aires around May 16. She writes, "My Northern California & Nevada District is going with me in a real sense to Argentina and together the Lord will help us to do His will in bringing light to some needy souls in darkness there. We would have liked to leave from the West Coast so that at least a few friendly hands could have waved in farewell; however, we shall have the

pleasure of the company of an Assembly of God missionary family, the JOHN LEMOS', traveling with us until they reach their port of debarkation in Brazil." To all these dear missionary friends we say, "God bless you".

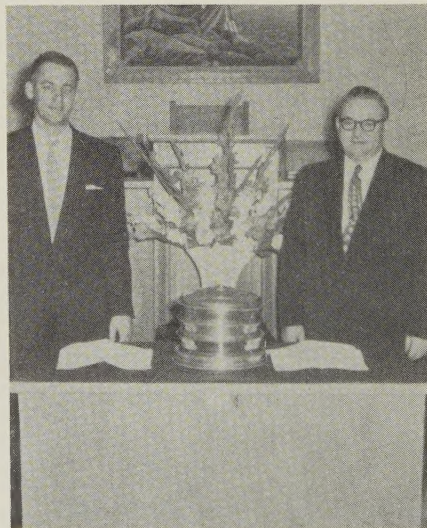
Brother and Sister LOWELL DOWDY are currently itinerating in the Sacramento Valley and Shasta Sections.

Brother PAUL COOPER will be itinerating in the Coast Counties Section during the month of May. He will also be featured at the missionary convention in Watsonville, May 17-19, at the Full Gospel Church of Pajaro, J. Panattoni, pastor.

The Peninsula Section has been enjoying the ministry of Brother ARTHUR LINDVALL during late April and early May. The last of May he will be in the North Bay Section. From June 5-9 he is scheduled to participate in the missionary convention being conducted in Calvary Temple, San Jose, by pastor Kermit Jeffrey.

From April 30 to May 3 a great deal of missionary interest will be centered at Bethany Park. At that time Bethany Bible College will have its annual missionary convention with J. Paul Bruton as evening speaker. Brother Arthur Lindvall, Central America, and R. A. Wilson, District Missionary Secretary, will speak at day sessions. On May 2 and 3 the Foreign Missions Advisory Board will be meeting and on May 3 the Sectional Missionary Representatives will convene with them for an important Seminar. A number of missionary friends are expected to be present.

Very fine reports have reached us of the splendid missionary conventions that were conducted at Bethel Temple, Sacramento, Clyde Henson, pastor, and at The First Assembly of God in Berkeley where Mrs. Eleanor Johnson is pastor.



Pastor R. A. Wilson Jr. of the Full Gospel Church of Woodland and District Superintendent Leonard Palmer pose with the lovely new communion table that has been given in memory of the late Jenny Green, wife of the former pastor. Brother Palmer officiated in the dedicatory services.

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VBS

MOTHERS

Mothers are the queerest things!

'Member when John went away,
All but mother cried and cried

When they said good-bye that day.
She just talked, and seemed to be
Not the slightest bit upset —
Was the only one who smiled!
Others eyes were streaming wet.

But when John came back again

On furlough, safe and sound,
With a medal for his deeds,
And without a single wound,
While the rest of us hurrahd,
Laughed and joked and danced about,
Mother kissed him, then she cried —
Cried and cried like all get out!

—Edwin L. Sabin.

20th CENTURY C. A.'s

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off these things, Timothy you must 'put on' the marks of a Christian. If you daily follow Christ, He will lead you in the paths of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. These qualities all find their perfection in Christ's life. And His is your pattern — follow Him.

"There is still more to which you should attain, even though you have followed the Lord for a number of years. Keep pressing on. 'Be not weary' in your well doing; but keep moving on — in the path of Christ.

FIGHT to win

"This Christian life, Timothy, is a battle. And no battle was ever won without a fight. It is not easy to fight — it is much easier to relax and go the way of the crowd. Oppositions, persecutions, and temptations will arise. To surmount these obstacles in the Christian's path you must wage a fight to win. All those who reach heaven will do so because they have defended their convictions, braved the persecution, weathered the storms of opposition and overcome the temptations — fighting the good fight of faith.

"Timothy, I'm counting on you. I know you can do it — with God's help."

20th century C. A.'s, hear Paul's own words of personal testimony: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind (FLEE), and reaching forth unto those things which are before (FOLLOW), I press toward the mark (FIGHT)." — Philippians 3:13, 14.

WHO'S NEW?

Donna Renee Merrill arrived April 10 at 3:09 a. m. to the home of Pastor and Mrs. Don R. Merrill of Riverbank.

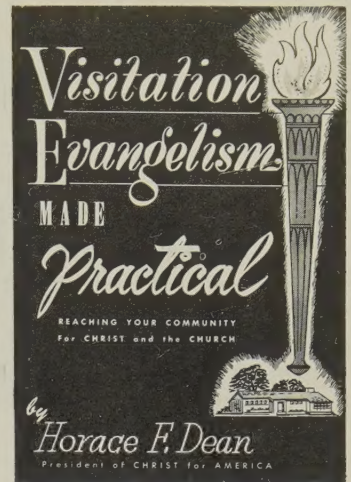
B.B.C. students, the Norman Robinsons have welcomed a new little daughter. She is Linda Lorraine who arrived April 16.

V. B. S.

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a blessing in your Sunday School in the days to come.

Certainly the VBS is an open door of opportunity, pastors and Sunday School workers! It's time to arrange — if you haven't your plans already well under way — for this fruitful occasion among your children this summer. It's an important task that has been given us. Remember, we are molding the church of tomorrow. Let's do our best with the help of the Lord, to WIN, TEACH and TRAIN a truly Pentecostal church today.



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CURRENT SIGNS

Our Children's Health

One out of every 14 boys and one out of every 17 girls under age 20 in the U.S. are hospitalized in the course of a year.

Sleeping Pills

Since 1952 the yearly death rate from barbiturate poisoning (sleeping pills and the like) has steadily increased. In 1955, the latest for which complete data are available, accidental poisoning by barbiturate claimed 411 lives.

Tithing Texas Oilman Gives \$2,000,000

Toddie Lee Wynne, a Texas oilman, turned over \$2,000,000 to his church as a tithe after selling his petroleum company interests in a multi-million dollar deal. President of the American Liberty Oil Company, Wynne signed final papers transferring Amilco stock to American Petrofina, Inc. of New York.

The gross transaction reportedly involved an estimated \$35,000,000, and Wynne will get about \$20,000,000 after payment of outstanding debts. Ten percent of the net, about \$2,000,000 was given to the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

Marriage and Our Life Span

It is a fact today that for both men and women, marriage increases life expectancy significantly. Statisticians have reported that recent scientific gains in reducing the hazards of child-bearing have made the death rate among married women lower than that of their single sisters at every age level. At some age levels the death rate for married men is less than half that of unmarried men of the same age.

Communist Christmas

We have heretofore called attention to the efforts of some school authorities to "soft-pedal" the Christmas carols with a view to finally eliminating them entirely from Christmas programs. In East Germany the Communists sent out directives aimed at keeping Christ out of Christmas. Christmas songs and poems were to be restricted to those "which tell of the democratic unity of Germany, peace, friendship and a prosperous socialistic future." The directive also bore the statement that previous Christmas celebrations "quelled the working people's joy of life." because they were "rooted in mysticism and promoted superstition." Let us do all we can to keep Christ in Christmas.

Catholics Concerned

The SPANISH CATHOLIC ACTION, published in Madrid printed a warning by a Roman Catholic bishop that unless more Spanish priests are sent to South America, that area "will be largely lost to the church within 25 years." (Prophecy monthly)

God and Russia

An interesting article by Edgar Ainslie, which appeared in the Sunday School Times (10-13-55) under the title "Russia in the Light of Prophecy", gives six reasons why God is against Russia, as follows:

1. Russia leads the world in atheism.
2. Russia leads the world in blasphemy.
3. Russia leads the world in defiance of Almighty God.
4. Russia is the greatest persecutor of Christians the world has ever known.
5. Russia is the greatest persecutor of the Jews.
6. Russia leads the world today in mass immorality.

Mr. Ainslie, after commenting upon each of these six points, adds "Has the Bible anything to say about this great land of Russia which today has cast its blasphemous influence over so many millions of unfortunate men? Indeed it has a lot to say and Russia's coming doom is plainly written by the hand of Inspiration in Ezek. 38 and 39."

500,000 in US Going Blind and Don't Know It

According to a recent release from the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, something like 500,000 men and women in the United States are slowly going blind and do not know it. These are the victims of a progressive eye disease known as glaucoma, which has blinded 40,000 Americans and partially blinded another 150,000.

Glaucoma is a condition in which the pressure inside the eyeball increases. Several causes are recognized.

One of the rules mentioned is to avoid excitement, anger, worry, fear or depression from disappointment as much as possible. Some of the others include limiting coffee or tea to one cup a day, avoidance of alcoholic beverages and of dark rooms.

Do not these causes line up perfectly with the modern way of life? Let us do our best to live up to "Way of Life" which Christ laid down for us and much of the excitement, worry, fear and indulgences will be eliminated.



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